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Veronica Campbell Brown

Brown Cleared of

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two-time Olympic 200m gold medalist, has been cleared to resume her career with immediate effect by the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) according to her American based lawver Howard the aftermath of the decision by the Doping Review Board of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) to dismiss the recommendation by the disciplinary panel of the Jamaica Athletics Administrative

that Veronica Campbell-Brown has been cleared by CAS." He went on: "All of her past results have been reinstated and she is free to compete, effective immedi-

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Western Union Being Investigated For Fraud

Western Union Co., the world's largest money-transfer company, is being investigated by the U.S. government over money moved on its network that may have been tied to alleged fraud according to a regulatory filing released Monday.

The Englewood, Colo.-based company said in the filing it has received multiple subpoenas since Nov. 25 from the U.S. attorney's office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

The inquiries have sought documents related to complaints made by consumers to Western Union "relating to fraud-

MONEY TRANSFER

induced money transfers since Jan. 1, 2008," as well as information about Western Union's agents, the company said. "The government's investigation is ongoing and the company may receive additional requests for information as part of the investigation," Western Union said in

and Exchange Commission. "The company is cooperating fully with the government."

Western Union and its smaller competitor, MoneyGram International Inc., have been probed by State and Federal authorities over whether they have in place adequate controls to prevent scammers from using the companies' services to collect money from their victims.

A representative of Western Union didn't have an immediate comment when reached on Monday.

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Editorial

Solutions to stop the poverty cycle!

As we celebrate another Black History Month, I want to join one of our local television stations in looking back at the "War on Poverty," declared 50 years ago by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

We would admit that today, much like the days when President Johnson announced a war on poverty in his State of the Union Address, five decades ago, 46.5 million or 15% of the Americans population was living in poverty.

Several leading economists observed that we've had [economic] growth, but it hadn't reached everyday Americans. This long-term decline in income is troubling to economists, especially as the middle and lower classes have fared considerably worse than the rich.

Since 1967, Americans right in the

middle of the income curve have seen their earnings rise 19%, while those in the top 5% have seen a 67% gain. Rising inequality is seldom a sign of good social stability.

People making \$23,492 annually for a family of four or \$11,720 for an individual were considered to be living in poverty.

According to the US Census Bureau, Americans were the richest in 1999, when median household income was \$56,080, adjusted for inflation.

Last year, Asians had the highest household income (\$68,600), followed by Whites (\$57,000), Hispanics (\$39,000) and Blacks (\$33,300).

Meanwhile, young people continued to struggle, with those under the age of 35 seeing slight drops in income, while those

35 and over had made some gains. Women also made 77% of what men made.

Both at the Federal and State level, several government programs have been implemented including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, which was cut in November resulting in an \$8 million decrease in benefits to recipients nationwide.

However, the poor need more than food stamps. The government's role in health care and education, are among the practical solutions to reduce poverty.

We need strong leaders who can manage the country resources and put it on the road to prosperity and success. We the people will have to be part of the solution to stop the poverty cycle.



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people are talking...!

Employers seek applicants with life skills

Statistics show that 1 out of 10 young adults have poor communication skills. Communication skills have become increasingly important within the globalized world.

Employers are seeking applicants with life skills who can continue to learn and adjust, read, write, listen and communicate effectively.

Employees need to think creatively, solve problems independently, manage themselves at work, interact with co-workers, lead effectively as well as follow supervision.

These basic skills are both important to employers' recruitment and enhance an individual's ability to secure a job, retain

employment and move flexibly in the layer market as well as engage in lifelong learning.

Here are a few tips that young people can do to improve communication skills:

- -Listen while the other person speaks.
- -Be careful of your non-verbal communication.
- -Be aware of gestures, body language and facial expressions. This can help you to gain a better understanding of what they are saying

and the underlying meaning.
-Respond to the other person's message-allowing another to feel you're listening.



Dr Neva SPEAKS

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Additionally, you can join a in improving your communication club or an organization that assists skills.

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Brown Cleared of Doping Charges

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He added that Campbell-Brown intends to compete at the upcoming World Indoor Championships.

Jacobs said that "because the CAS hearing was completed on an extremely expedited basis, the full reasons for the award have not yet been issued, and may not be issued for a few months."

However, it is clear that the reason for the decision was a serious and fundamental breakdown in the manner in which Veronica Campbell-Brown's urine sample was collected and handled in Jamaica on May 4, 2013. Noting that the integrity of the sample was not maintained and the results of any testing on that sample were therefore unreliable.

He disclosed that the Court of Arbitration for Sports has also "ordered

the IAAA (and to a lesser degree the IAAF) to pay a portion of Veronica Campbell-Brown's legal costs in connection with this CAS appeal."

Lensley Wolfe chaired a three-man JAAA disciplinary panel last October and announced a public reprimand for the nine-time World Championship medalist.

Last week Dr. Warren Blake, President of the JAAA, also confirmed that Campbell-Brown, the two-time defending World Indoor 60m gold medalist, had expressed an interest in defending her title in Sopot, Poland, from March 7-9 once she was cleared of the doping rule violation.

Campbell Brown, who tested posithe banned diuretic for hydrochlorothiazide on May 4, 2013 at the Jamaica International Invitational World Challenge meet in Kingston, was provisionally suspended on June 18 by the JAAA.

Campbell-Brown has not competed since June 1 last year. She is joined in the 12 member women's squad by world outdoor 100 and 200m champion Shelly Ann Fraser- Pryce who will also contest the 60 meters.



HONORING MOTHERS:

(I-r) Constance Malcom, mother of the later Ramarley Graham; Sabrina Fulton mother of the late Trayvon Martin; and Harry Belafonte, singer and civil rights leader at the local 1199 SEIU sponsored Black History Month celebration event in honor of mothers who lost sons to gun violence. Valerie Bell, mother of the late Sean Bell as well as three members of the "Central Park Five" were also in attendance at the function which was held on Friday (February 21) in New York City.

Quinn Emanuel Beats Retaliation Claim In NY Appeals Court

A New York appeals court on Thursday ruled that a former Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP attorney can't bring a retaliation claim against the firm in state court, saying that factual findings a federal judge made when dismissing the plaintiff's federal retaliation claim preclude her from bringing a nonfederal claim.

NY Appeals Court Won't Let Sprint **Escape \$300M Tax Suit**

The New York Supreme Appellate Division on Thursday The New York Supreme Court refused to allow Sprint Nextel Corp. to ditch a \$300 million suit filed by New York's attorney general that accuses the company of dodging state taxes, saying the tax law at issue applies to interstate phone services.

Western Union Being

A spokeswoman for MoneyGram couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

Both companies offer money transfers,

bill-payment services and other products through hundreds of thousands of agent locations around the world, including supermarkets, pharmacies, check-cashing stores, payday lenders and bank branches.

The Federal Trade Commission has been investigating Western Union's measures to detect instances in which "consumers are deceived into wiring money to third parties,' the agency said in a November court filing. The agency had been battling Western Union over a civil investigative demand the FTC made to the company for information about consumer complaints

A Federal judge in New York ordered the company to comply with the FTC's request in December.

Western Union said in its filing Monday that it received another civil investigative demand from the FTC on Feb. 21. The FTC requested documents relating to consumer complaints regarding "fraud-induced money transfers' sent from or received in the U.S. since 2004.

Representatives of the U.S. Attorney's office and FTC declined to comment MoneyGram previously reached a settlement with the U.S. attorney's office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania as well as U.S. Department of Justice over transactions involving the company's agents in the U.S. With the settlement, and Canada.

prosecution agreement, operate under a compliance monitor and pay \$100 million to victims of fraud committed through the compa-

ny's network. Earlier this month Western Union reached an expanded agreement with Arizona over the company's control for preventing money laundering. The company had originally reached a \$94 million settlement with Arizona and other states over allegations that it didn't have sufficient controls

As part of the expanded deal, which addresses allegations that the company had failed to put adequate controls in place by July 31, 2013, Western Union agreed to remain under the supervision of a monitor.





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Mount Vernon City Mayor Ernest D. Davis (5th I) and his staff congratulate Wartburg's leadership for obtaining a LEED for Homes Gold Certification for the Friedrichs Residence, an \$11 million 4-story building of 61 affordable senior apartments on Wartburg's campus in the City recently. The building is named to honor long-time Wartburg benefactors, the late Juanita E. and Arthur M. Friedrichs of New Canaan, CT, whose \$1,000,000 bequest provided the project's initial funding. "Wartburg is proud of it commitment to sustainable development," said David J. Gentner, Wartburg's President and CEO. Mayor Davis, while acknowledging this achievement said, "We are extremely proud, that the Wartburg has received LEED Certification status. It is a clear sign of their commitment to the environment.

New Jersey Doctor Pleads Guilty in Medicare Fraud

Chang Ho Lee, 68, of Palisades Park, N.J., pleaded guilty last week to health care fraud and agreed to forfeit more than \$3.4 million in fraud proceeds.

According to court documents, Lee, who is a medical doctor, and two others recruited patients by offering free lunches and recreational classes and provided them with spa services, such as massages and facials, then falsely billed Medicare for more than \$13 million using those patients' Medicare numbers.

Lee and the others billed Medicare for

physical therapy, lesion removals and other services that were neither medically necessary nor provided. The scheme took place at three clinics: URI Medical Center and Sarang Medical PC in Flushing, N.Y., and 999 Medical Clinic in Brooklyn, N.Y. Lee received more than \$3.4 million through the submission of the fraudulent claims.

Lee is scheduled to be sentenced on June 13, 2014. At sentencing, he faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and approximately \$3.4 million in mandatory restitution.

Fake School Operators Guilty

Salvatrice Gaston, Robinson Akenami and Joceyln Allrich of 21 Felony Counts on February 7th for their role in a massive scheme to defraud students over a period of almost 5 years. The defendants and their coconspirators operated a network of bogus nursing schools in New York City and Long Island

More than 100 students collectively paid more than \$1 million to enroll in the programs that the defendants claimed would qualify them for careers in nursing. However, the certifications and transcripts the schools provided were fraudulent.

Evidence at trial showed that

between April 2006 and February 2011, Gaston, Akenami and Allrich, together with other co-conspirators, engaged in an elaborate scheme to defraud by operating a network of fake schools in Brooklyn and Nassau County. They conspired to create and operate entities that claimed to be nursing schools. The defendants then recruited individuals – particularly of lower income – and falsely promised that completing the programs would make students eligible to take the New York State Nursing Board Exam (NCLEX) and become Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) or Registered Nurses (RNs) in New York.

Those who enrolled were burdened by significant tuition costs of between \$7,000 and \$20,000. They spent between 10

months and two years completing the program, only to be issued fraudulent transcripts and certifications in the name of schools, including National Academy in Kingston, Jamaica, that were not approved by the New York State Education Department. Contrary to what they were told, the students who paid for and participated in the programs were not eligible to take the Nursing Board Exam or become LPNs or RNs.

The fake schools run by the three defendants in this trial were Envision Review Center, located at 1894 Flatbush Avenue, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, owned and operated by Salvatrice Gaston and Carline D'Haiti; Helping Angels Foundation of America (HAFA), located at 78 Saratoga

Avenue, Brooklyn and 245-06 Jericho Turnpike, Suite LL05, Floral Park, Long Island, owned and operated by Robinson Akenami; and Hope-VTEC a/k/a J. Allrich Productions, Inc., located at 1057-1059 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, owned and operated by Jocelyn Allrich.

Gaston, 58, lives in Brooklyn; Akenami, 38, lives in Queens; and Allrich, 54, lives in Elmont, NY.

Each of the defendants faces a maximum sentence of 2 1/3 to 7 years behind bars on the top count. They are scheduled to be sentenced before Justice Joel Goldberg in Kings County Supreme Court on March 21 2014



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Anti-government protests continue in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) -

Scattered barricades blocked streets in some Caracas neighbourhoods Friday even while life went on as usual in others as a political standoff persisted through the second day of national holidays.

In spite of the long weekend heading into three days of Carnival, student-led demonstrations have so far maintained a street presence, not just in the capital, but also in cities including Valencia, Merida and San Cristobal.

In that context President Nicolas Maduro forged ahead with a new round of televised peace meetings Friday. He announced his intention to establish similar conferences in all states. Absent were members of the opposition, who refuse to open a dialogue until Maduro releases protesters from jail and stops harsh crackdowns on protests.

"I believe the country would win if we see each other face to face and talk," Maduro said. He also announced that national guardsman Giovanni Pantoja died Friday after being shot in the eye while he and others removed debris from a street in Valencia.

But that appears unlikely to happen with one opposition leader in jail and an arrest order out for another

order out for another.
About two weeks of student-led protests
mostly in middle-class neighbourhoods have
left 18 dead. Venezuelans face inflation that
hit 56 percent last year, scarcity of basic
necessities and runaway violent crime.

At a human rights demonstration in a well-off part of east Caracas, several hundred protesters waved Venezuelan flags and held signs with the photos of those killed during demonstrations.

Visa requirements for Chinese vistors waived

Kingston, Jamaica:

The Jamaican government has waived visa requirements for Chinese visitors. Dr. Wykeham McNeil, Tourism Minister, who made the announcement on Wednesday at a media briefing said this is part of the government's efforts to diversify and develop new markets for the tourism industry.

He said China has been added to a list of countries including Colombia, Panama, Venezuela, Hungary and Poland where visa requirements for travel to Jamaica have been relaxed.

"Last year we attracted 2,420 Chinese tourists an increase of 15.1 % over the previous year the fact is that the numbers

are small but the market have nevertials for ease the difficulties experienced and to harness the market potential of China, Cabinet has now approved the conditional waiver of visa requirements for nationals from China who travel to Jamaica for tourism purposes for periods of 30 days or less," he said.

Dr. Wykeham McNeil Jamaican Tourism Minister

The new visa regime will come into effect in a few weeks.

McNeil added that the Ministries of National Security and Foreign Affairs will make the necessary arrangements for implementation.

Bank of Bahamas is safe!

Bahamas

THE Bahamas government has again sought to reassure nationals that it was not interfering in the operations of the Bank of Bahamas (BOB) in which it has 65 per cent majority share holding.

"The Government does not control or interfere in the management of BOB. The Government is aware, however, that the Bank has already made a number of positive changes to its policies, practices and management structure which will prove beneficial to the Bank as it moves forward.

"Moreover, additional improvements to the governance of the bank will be made in due course. In the meantime, however, all customers and the public alike can rest assured that the Bank of The Bahamas is and that it has the full backing of the Government," the Perry Christie administration said in a statement.

The statement comes less than a month after it issued a similar statement telling Bahamians that their funds were safe and that there was no need for fear or concern.

In the new statement, the government again told customers that they "have no reason to be concerned. "Their money is safe and secure. Indeed there is no greater support that any bank can have than the backing of the sovereign government of the country. The Bank of The Bahamas has that backing. Indeed the Government has just recently demonstrated that commitment and support," it said

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LEGAL ISSUES

Obama Deported 2 Million

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he Obama administration has deported nearly 2 minion people so far, and it stall has two years left to go. This would seem to indicate that the U.S. immigration enforcement machine is running at top speed.

However, a report from Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC)—as well as the press stories which flowed from it—have left many readers with the mistaken impression that the federal government succeeds in deporting fewer than half of

the immigrants it wants to

The report focuses exclusively on the rate of removal orders issued by immigration judges and indi-

rates thand the Centy (CM) shad diminishing success in convincing Immigration Judges to issue removal orders." This might sound like a reversal of fortune for the government, and a windfall of freedom for immigrants in federal custody. But it's not.

A grim reality of the U.S. immigration system is that the majority of immigrants deported from the country do not have the opportunity to plead their case before an immigration

judge. Instead, DHS unilater-

ally and summarily orders most individuals deported.

This typically happens through one of two process-

escinsapedied removal takes place at or near the border and is used against noncitizens who DHS believes lack authorization to enter the United States.

Reinstatement of removal applies to noncitizens who return illegally to the United States after having previously been deported. In both of these situations, a DHS officer who typically lacks formal legal training makes a quick decision about whether a person will be deported without any hearing



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Under his administration, seven out of every 10 people deported by ICE last year never came before an immigration judge. or any meaningful opportunity for that person to contest their deportation.

Noncitizens deported by

nither very these legal means and very little chance of having their deportation halted.

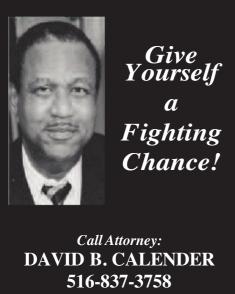
The federal government's own statistics help flesh out this reality. According U.S. to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a total of 368,644 people were deported by the agency in FY 2013, of whom 101,000 (27 percent) were removed from the country via expedited removal and another 159,624 (43 percent) via reinstatement of removal. In other words, seven out of every 10 people deported by ICE last year never came before an immigration judge.

These figures are no

filthing This Statis Office of that 419,000 people were deported from the United States in FY 2012, of whom 163,000 (39 percent) were removed via expedited removal and 149,000 (36 percent) via reinstatement of removal.

This means that three out of every four deportees never stood before an immigration judge in 2012. TRAC's emphasis on immigration court orders of removal ignores the government's primary method of deporting people.







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SPORTS









Ottey, 52 Sets Sight On World Champs

André Lowe, go-jamaica.com She may be nearing her 53rd birthday, but Jamaican sprinting legend Merlene Ottey is still not ready to pull the

plug on her record-breaking career. Ottev, who is in the island for a series of events, told reporters at a specially arranged media event at the Spanish Court Hotel yesterday afternoon that she is currently preparing for this summer's IAAF World Championships in Moscow, almost 30 years since her first appearance at the event in 1983.

Now a citizen of Slovenia, which she represented as recently as last year's European Athletics Championships in the 4x100m, Ottey, who has a record 14 World Championships medals between 1983 and 1997, laughed when asked about her retirement, advising that she has been preparing well for the August 10-18



Sports-Musim Women Footballers1

Gender Test for Female Footballers

Iran's female footballers are to be given mandatory exams to prove that they

are real women's football governing body is bringing in the random checks after it was revealed that several leading players - including four in the national women's team - were either men who had not completed sex change operations, or were suffering from sexual development disorders.

Gender change operations are legal in Iran according to a fatwa - or religious ruling - pronounced by the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, spiritual leader of the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Ahmad Hashemian head of the Iranian football federation's medical committee, said the clubs themselves were now obliged to carry out medical examinations to establish the gender of their players before signing them on con-

Jamaican Runner Died

he body of 18-year-old Jamaican run-

Sturday following the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACAC) Cross-country Championship, in Mt Irvine, Tobago, is expected to be flown home Friday.

According to reports in the Trinidad press, Caribbean Airlines has agreed to transport the body from Trinidad to Jamaica, following the conclusion of further blood tests and logistics.

The St Jago High school student collapsed following his participation in the junior men's 6k event and was taken to the Scarborough General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

According to reports in the Trinidad Guardian an autopsy was performed at the Forensic Sciences Centre in St Clair, where it was confirmed that the teenager died of a heart attack

McKenzie, affectionately called Jaguar, concluded his last run in just over 20 minutes, placing 21st.



Cavahn McKenzie, 18 Jamaican runner died in Mt Irvine, Tobago

Reggae Boyz treating Caribbean games seriously

Jamaica Observer- Kingston, Jamaica:

JAMAICA'S footballers are set to depart the island today ahead of their friendly international tour of the eastern Caribbean tour where they will clash with hosts Barbados at the National Stadium on March 2, and St Lucia, three days later at the Beausejour Stadium in Gros Islet.

According to senior team manager Roy Simpson, the move to play their regional rivals is part of coach Winfried Schaefer's desire to regain dominance in the Caribbean and also to assess local-based players in particular, in preparation for the start of the Russia 2018 World Cup qualifying cam-

"Some persons might think that playing against our Caribbean rivals is of no worth, but part of the process is that we have to once again dominate the Caribbean

region before we can look at Central America and North America, and probably extending to Europe.

"We take the games seriously and it is also exposure for local players, especially the Under-23 players that coach Schaefer indicated will be the base and foundation of this rebuilding process," Simpson told the

Jamaica Observer recently. A total of 11 local-based Reggae Boyz were named in a 22-man squad announced by Schaefer during a press conference at the Jamaica Football Federation (JFF) head-

quarters on Tuesday. In the meantime, the JFF have tied up agreements for several friendly matches against more prominent opponents later in

the year. The Reggae Boyz are set to face Serbia in New Jersey, United States, before going

up against World Cup-bound Switzerland in Lucerne on May 30.

On June 8, Jamaica battle the former

World Cup champions France in Lille. Jamaica are also scheduled to head off to Toronto to battle CONCACAF rivals Canada on September 9.- SM

West Indies takes 1st ODI

win over England

in the three-match one day international cricket series against England in Antigua on Friday.

The hosts, batting first at the Sir Vivian Richard Stadium, made 269/6, after recovering from a dramatic slump, which saw them struggling at 43/4 in the

That they managed to post what turned out to be a winning total, was attributable, in large measure, to the contributions of three batsmen - captain Dwayne Bravo ((87), Lendl Simmonds (65) and Darren Sammy (61).

. The visitors started their response positively, posting 96 before losing their first wicket - that of Moeen Munir Ali caught Sunil Narine bowled Dwayne Smith for 44.

Luke Wright quickly followed Ali back to the pavillion, out for one run, at 106/2. Immediate danger was averted thereafter, with Joe Root and Michael Lumb, figuring in a half-century partner-

Significantly, as well, Lumb, playing in his first ODI, achieved the distinction of being only the second England Batsman, after Denniss Amiss to to score a century on debut. Dwayne Bravo, the victorious captain was also named man of the match

Legends honoured as well

The day was special for the home fans for another reason as well. Three Antiguans, who represented the West Indies with distinction during the Caribbean team's glory days - Andy Roberts, Richie Richardson and Curtley Ambrose - were knighted by their home government during the break between

They thus joined their country man, Sir Vivian Richards, arguably the greatest of them all, who had already been knighted some years ago.

Former T&T footballer dies

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (CMC) Trinidad and Tobago sports Minister Anil Roberts says he is shocked at the passing of former national footballer Kevon

Carter, 30, also a footballer with the country's Defence Force, died on Friday after suffering a massive heart attack while at training with his club and never recovered.



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Jamaica International Dance Festival set for August 6



DONNARAY ROC Artistic director/founder Jamaica International Dance Festival 2014

four-day conference featuring an international line up of extraordinary thats, passions, world-renowned artists and more is being staged during August 6-9, 2014 at the Montego Bay Convention Center in Jamaica.

The Jamaica International Dance Festival 2014 is the ultimate and largest world dancehall conference highlighting Jamaica's dance culture according to Donnaray Roc, the artistic director and

founder.

The Festival includes an "extraordinary night of dance concert, workshops and dance battles" and is being supported and sponsored by several Jamaican companies including Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC), Jamaica Trade and Invest (JTI) and Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB).

The artistic director explains that Jamaica's dancehall is one of the most worthwhile and fast revenue underground dance forms, where the greatest talents are created in the streets. The Festival will therefore provide an artistic platform for dancers to create, compete, learn, perform and share resources. "Empowering the dance community will enhance the dance form and create a vibrant entertainment sector that will define dancehall/reggae as a performing art," says Roc.

For further information contact email Jamaicaidf@gmail.com



Soca King Farmer Nappy (c) with Monster Energy Drink representatives in Trinidad.

Farmer Nappy brand ambassador for Monster Energy Drink

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Adding fuel to his fire, Monster Energy Drink has partnered with Farmer Nappy to be its brand ambassador from now through the Carnival 2015 season, further cementing his role as the prime representative for soca music, both at home and beyond. "Making Farmer Nappy an official ambassador was a decision that took little thought," discloses Monster Energy Brand manager, Leigh Inalsingh. "Monster Energy sees themselves as more than an energy drink, they see themselves as a lifestyle in a

the pure this made on as a tar tarmer Nappy as "energetic, hardworking and talented, everything that the brand represents." He adds, "We are excited to have him as an official member of the Monster Energy family."

Having built a global fan base through his music and touring extensively for over two decades, Farmer Nappy is synonymous with bringing the sounds of mas to the masses worldwide.

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Gloria Ry'ann

EVENTS

• Jamaican Registrar General's Department will be staging a series of outreach events in New York on March 10-15, 2014 in Brooklyn, Queens, The Bronx and Long Island as well as in New Jersey and Connecticut

•Jamaican American Bar Association, North East will be staging their 4th Annual Scholarship Awards Gala on Saturday, March 22, 2014 @ 8:30 p.m. at Astoria World Manor, 25-22 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11102. •New Day School Alumni Association, NY Chapter presents their First Annual Fund-Raiser Dinner & Dance on Saturday, March 22, 2014 @ 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m at Wembley's Athletic Club, 550 East 239th Street, Bronx, NY 10470.

•Montego Bay High School Alumni NY Chapter presents their Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 22, 2014 @ 8:30 p.m. at Astoria World Manor, 25-22 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11102

Josey Wales Takes

Rub-a-Dub to the Streets

The legendary Josey Wales is taking "Rub-a-Dub" on the road this Spring with the highly anticipated "3 Di Hard Way Tour."

The industry is abuzz, as the famed deejay will join his infamous sparring partners Brigadier Jerry and Charlie Chaplin to delight thousands of fans with live artist entertainment on a roaring sound system, Mighty Crown to be exact! For the first time in over a decade, U.S. fans will experience the powerhouse trio performing in this capacity.

Known by the Reggae music fraternity as "The Outlaw" and "The Colonel," Josey Wales has been entertaining the masses for four decades. The revered artist reflects the cornerstone of "Rub-a-Dub" music and culture, which yielded Reggae Dancehall.



Heralded as one of the genre's forefathers, most modern day Reggae Dancehall artists credit Josey Wales for inspiring their career.

Thrilled over reuniting with Brigadier Jerry "The

Josey Wales General" and Charlie Chaplin "The Principal" for "3 Di Hard Way," Wales promises explosive performances on the tour. Don't miss this legendary artist trio providing maximum entertainment to audiences throughout the country, while exposing them to a historical era of Reggae Dancehall!

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POLITICAL AFFAIRS

Mayor boots charter schools from city space

The de Blasio administration announced it will reverse some school co-location decisions made at the end of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's term.

Some of those involved plans to locate charter schools in traditional school buildings.

The Department of Education says it reviewed 45 proposals that Bloomberg approved for the 2014 school year. It will reverse the decision on 9 of those proposals.

The DOE says it considered resources, construction and the mixing of elementary and high schools.

The mayor says Bloomberg rushed to approve co-locations that were not in the best interest of students.

"I'm not gonna mince words about what I feel about how the Bloomberg administration made decisions on co-locations. I think it was abhorrent. I think it was done without real consultation with parents, real consulta-



DE BLASIO

schools that were gonna be affected, the receiving schools. And I think a lot of those co-locations proved to be very problematic in practice," said de Blasio.

Three of the schools which won't be allowed

to open as co-locations are part of the Success Academy, charter schools founded by former Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz.

She says she plans to cancel classes for a day next week so her students can attend a rally in Albany trying to gain support for charter schools.

de Blasio's War on Charters Disgraceful

NEW YORK GOP Chair Ed Cox on Thursday released the following statement in response to Bill de Blasio reversing nine charter school co-locations.

Co-locations allow charter schools to share rent-free space with non-charter public schools

"Bill de Blasio just unilaterally stole from thousands of underprivileged children the building blocks of upward social mobility," said Cox.

disgrace upon line city and the orice is a holds. Every New Yorker who cares about equal opportunity for underprivileged chil-



COX

dren ought to be ashamed of our Mayor."

NYGOP Chair Ed Cox is also a founder and former Chair of both SUNY's Charter School Committee and the Student Sponsor Partners

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Democrats may kiss the majority good-bye I TOLD YOU SO

s you know, the latest hot potato in our political world here in Albany is the eap of faith just taken by Democratic Senator Tony Avella from Queens, New York to abandon the every-day weakening Democratic Conference and jump to the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) led by Senator Jeffrey Klein from the Bronx.

You should know that with this jump, I am pretty sure that Senator Avella will be getting some benefits and privileges, e.g., office, staff, and a committee chairmanship, most likely the Aging Committee, which is currently vacant.

Senator Avella's jump opens a "Pandora's Box," and now the door has

been opened wide for more of us to follow his lead, although a while back I remember a statement made by Senator Diane Savino, a member of the IDC, that said "Everyone is welcome, except Rubén Díaz," and because of that, I am afraid that in the end, I will be the last one left behind, unless Senator Savino changes her mind.

The cost of the IDC's increase in power and influence of its leader Senator Jeffrey Klein has been the arrogance, apathy and pride of some members in our Democratic Conference.

For a long time I have been calling for their return and asking my colleagues to talk to Jeff Klein and the member of the IDC and to "make them an offer that they cannot refuse," and bring them back so WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW By Senator Rev. Rubén Díaz



that we Democrats could be in the Majority again. The response from my Democratic colleagues, lamentably, has been that "we would rather always be in the minority." To them I now say be careful what you wish for, you might get it.

composed of Five members: Senator between the members: Senator Busher Klein, Senator Diane Savino, Senator David Valesky, Senator David Carlucci and the only minority in the group, Senator Malcolm Smith.

We all know that Senator Smith got booted out, leaving the IDC with only white members. Now ladies and gentleman, my advice, my two cents worth, to Jeff Klein and the IDC is to work on one minority because you need a little diversity in your conference.

And to my colleagues in the Democratic Conference, I say that now we can really kiss the majority good-bye and as some of you have wished, we're going to be in the minority for a long time. I told you so.





Jabba to stage 'Magnificence' dance party

By Patrick Maitland Editor-Street Hype Popular New York City radio disc jockey and show promoter Jabba of Massive B Sounds is taking

his creativity and wellgroomed attire to the dancehall with the staging of "Magnificence," a night of class and elegance on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at La Roose, 4848 White Plains Road in the Bronx.

Known for his funny but conscious fast-talking lyrics in parties and on radio stations, Jabba explains that most people want to look good and feel good at parties, but too often other party-goers who are poorly attired create a bad environment for everybody.

With some twentythree years of experience in the music and entertainment industry. Jabba says he was concerned about the trend in dancehall and parties. "We

must play good music for people to dance and enjoy themselves. This is the culture of a people and we must preserve it," the multiaward winner DJ stressed.

"That's why I'm saying magnificence," Jabba notes and adds, "No hats, no jeans or sneakers. This is going to be a super sexy, grown up and mature event," he com-

Under the power and sounds of his Massive B sound system, music will be provided by international reggae DJs including Glama Wayne, Steelie Bashment, Platinum Kids, and Noah Wi Di Power under the guidance of the king of mix up, Ragashanti.

Known for promoting and staging some of the most successful dancehall events including "Jabba Strikes Back," "The Modeling Affair," and the biggest one-day reggae For tickets and further information contact: Partyhardworldwide@gmail.com or 718-231-6060.



JABBA OF MASSIVE B SOUNDS

dancehall concerts in the world "The Best of the Best" in Florida, the Hot 97/SiriusXM/WVIP disc jockey promises a "high quality event in every areas including the music, food and venue "

Jabba notes that he was

New York City radio disc jockey and show promoter very excited about the party as people are showing interest and reserving their tickets. "My entire team and sponsors are looking forward to staging "Magnificence" and we are ready to entertain our patrons," he said.



Lemon for **Comedy Showcase**

Popular Jamaican born comedian and actor, Leon Parkins aka Lemon will headline the "Jamaican Standup Comedy Show" scheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the Evander High School, 800 Gunhill Road in

The annual show, which is being staged by Change Entertainment, will also feature other Jamaican comedians including Elva, Spyder, Leighton and Johnny and hosted by radio personality Bro Gray.
This seasoned entertainer was born in Montego Bay.

Jamaica but spent his formative years with his grandparents in St, Mary. There, he was always making those around him laugh and realized that he enjoyed making

Lemon has travelled extensively all over the world performing his craft and will be on a North America city tour this summer.

For information on the Jamaican Standup Comedy Show" call the promoter Robb at 917-662-1410.

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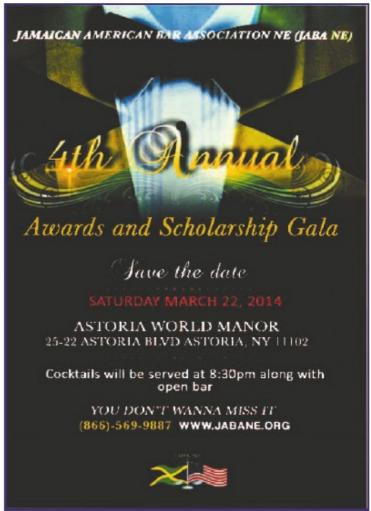
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Keeping Your Hair Looking Great!

One of the first things people notice about you is your appearance. Particularly for women, looks reflect a lot of your personality

Make sure that you can give off the message that you wish, when you get ready for your day. Read this article for tips on appropriate hair care.

A large, vented paddle brush is an excellent investment for those whose hair is very long and very thick. Taming this type of hair requires plenty of brushing. Using a paddle brush will speed up the brushing process. A vented one will help the hair dry faster, preserving its volume and bounce.

If you're feeling a bit risky and want to protect your hair from the sun, try using sun screen in your hair. Although it is intended





for use on skin, it can still be beneficial in preventing sun damage. Simply apply a small amount to the hair and rub it through to coat the strands.

Braiding wet hair and letting it air dry can add instant texture, volume and style that costs nothing but a few minutes of your





If you find wet hair a challenge to braid, work on dry hair and mist your hair well with water, when done with your plaits.

If regular conditioners leave your hair feeling greasy or limp, consider switching to a lightweight leave-in conditioner.

These formulas are available as both, light lotions and sprays, and they tend to be much lighter than the moisture-heavy versions you use in the shower. Look for a leave-in that matches your hair type, such as color-protection sprays or anti-frizz sprays.



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 ${f 1}$. Exemptions cut income. There are two types of exemptions: personal exemptions and exemptions for dependents. You can usually deduct \$3,900 for each exemption you claim on your 2013 tax return.

 2^{\cdot} Personal exemptions. You can usually claim an exemption for yourself. If you're married and file a joint return you can also claim one for your spouse. If you file a separate return, you can claim an exemption for your spouse only if your spouse had no gross income, is not filing a return, and was not the dependent of another taxpayer.

3. Exemptions for dependents. You can usually claim an exemption for each of your dependents. A dependent is either your child or a relative that meets certain tests. You can't claim your spouse as a dependent. You must list the Social Security number of each dependent you claim. See IRS Publication 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information, for rules that apply to people who don't have an 4. Some people don't qualify. You generally may not claim married persons as dependents if they file a joint return with their spouse. There are some exceptions to

5. Dependents may have to file. People that you can claim as your dependent may have to file their own federal tax return. This depends on many things, including the amount of their income, their marital status and if they owe certain taxes.

. No exemption on dependent's return. Off you can claim a person as a dependent, that person can't claim a personal exemption on his or her own tax return. This is true even if you don't actually claim that person as a dependent on your tax return. The rule applies because you have to right to claim

. Exemption phase-out. The \$3,900 per exemption is subject to income limits. This rule may reduce or eliminate the amount depending on your income. See Publication 501 for details.

You can get Publication 501 at IRS.gov or order it by calling 800-TAX-FORM(800-829-3676). Use the Interactive Tax Assistant at IRS gov to find out if a person qualifies as your dependent.



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- Friendship is like vitamins, we supplements each other minimum daily requirements.
 -By Cher
- Everyone will hurt you. You just have to find the one worth suffering for.
- Love means to commit oneself without guarantee, to give oneself completely in the hope that our love will produce love in



the person. Love is an act of faith, and

whoever is of little faith is also of little love

Until then remember to love one another.

How to know if your man is cheating!

BY BERNIE

Is your gut telling you that something's up with your man? Maybe he's just not exactly himself lately or someone entirely different.

Any one sign won't tell you that your man is cheating. But if you notice three or more of these signs, pay attention: they're hints that he has pulled away from you and could be moving toward someone else.

- **1.** He's suddenly shaving -If your man's grooming habits have changed for the better, you might be concerned that you're not the one he's trying to impress.
- **2. He's dressing better** -A new haircut may not be the only physical change. While you may be thrilled that he's finally dressing better, that slicker, trendier attire may be geared for someone else altogether.
- 3. His phone or computer becomes a secret Does your man always leave the room to take a call or is his cell phone now locked? Perhaps he has changed his email or Facebook password or he's always clos-

ing windows on his computer when you walk by.

4.He's bored and preoccupied -He never wants to go out and do things with you, but he acts bored and restless when he's home.

He could be thinking about his new fling instead of being in the moment with you and your family.

- **5. He's withdrawn** -Simple signs of affection such as holding hands might become few and far between if your man is having an affair. He also may pull away if you initiate contact.
- **6.** The sex has soured -A slide in sex drive also may be a sign he's having an affair. Is the sex quicker and less passionate than usual? Or is it simply nonexistent? Perhaps he doesn't spoon you anymore.

None of these signs of cheating are proof positive that your man is straying, but if you're nodding your head to any or all of these, you might have to take a serious look at your relationship.

ADVICE COLUMN BY DIVINE DIVA



My husbands friends hitting on me!

Dear Divine Diva:

I am recently widowed. Men I work with and the husbands of some of my friends have been hitting on me. They'll ask me out for a meal, give me big hugs - - and a couple of them have even kissed me on the mouth. I don't lead them on, and besides, I'm a chubby great-grandmother.

What drives men to do this? Do they think they're "consoling" me? When these things happen, they act as if they never know and go on as usual because to do otherwise would be hurtful to their wives, who are my friends. These men don't frighten me, but I don't understand their motivation. -RX, Brooklyn

Dear RX

There isn't a blanket explanation for the-behavior you have described. Some of your friends' husbands may be trying to console you; others may have lecherous intentions. As to your male co-workers, big hugs and kisses are a no-no in the workplace and you should tell them so.

If these incidents happen repeatedly-with the same people, you will have to speak up and say they're making you uncomfortable. And as to your friends' husbands, try this: Stiff-arm them when you greet them with a sweet smile, then turn your cheek when you see them coming at you. - Always Divine Diva

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April Agrah 21 April ates show up in unexpected ways today, making life easier for you. With their assistance, you're able to solve nearly any problem, even those that have plagued you for a while. In turn, you can lend your positive spirit to helping others or organizing social activities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There's no reason to be too concerned if you're not fully appreciated at work today. In fact, it may not be

the best time to ask deserve. Reflect carefully on the ramifications of your actions before stating your needs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your inventive mind can take you nearly anywhere today; it's up to you to decide your destination. Although others may lift your spirits with their good ideas, don't spend time with people who are overly serious now. A lighthearted engagement is more consistent with your present frame of mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A bit of relationship drama is likely today because your emotions may be somewhat erratic. It's challenging to get a handle on the situation because you might not feel like you're standing on solid ground. The rules are in flux now, making this a poor time to hold onto the status quo.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Visitors may come and go unexpectedly, filling your day with surprises. There

serms to be fewer limitations with others today, allowing for possible breakthroughs in relationships. If you believe the time is right, take a risk and say what's on your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're inspired today by an ingenious approach to a work project, a hobby or even a task at home. All you have to do is release the old and tired way of doing things to make room for new and improved ideas.

HBRAy (SEP to 23), Whe He're's you do something fun with kids or get in touch with your own inner child. Silly games, regative endeayors are and appropriate now as long as you allow yourself to bask in the pleasure of being alive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23- Nov. 21): An apparently unresolvable emotional issue may slow you down today. Surprisingly, you can see progress once you realize that you really do have more choices than you thought. You might not be thrilled with the current options, but any decision you make now is better than none at all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Feed your current taste for unconventional activities now by stepping off the beaten track and exploring the territory outside your familiar haunts. Even if you're hesitant at first, once you get going you won't want to look back. Sweep away old cobwebs that have settled into your life by steering clear of worn-out patterns and people who don't have your best interests at heart.

Gan. P.By. Carrough esti ustaally don't mind it when other people lean on you, it may be particularly annoying today. Others trust you because they assume you're not going to follow a crazy notion on a whim. Nevertheless, it doesn't seem fair that everyone else is free to be weird and off the wall while you are expected to be the stabilizing influence who holds down the fort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're probably feeling

OHIOR MOON'S WHITHE your sign. You're itching for change and it may be difficult to restrain yourself with logic today. If you try to stay in the same old groove, something or someone is likely to come along to shake up your world.

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): You may be able to see exactly what you want but it's as if you're standing outside a closed store, longing for what's on the other side of the window. There are so

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The best home remedies for colds, coughs and the flu

By JB Bardot (NaturalNews)

From the pantry to the bedside, home remedies you can make in a snap help prevent seasonal colds or cure a stubborn case of the flu.

A well-Garlic tea immune enhancer, garlic shines as an antibacterial and antiviral herb for fighting colds, coughs and the flu. One of the best ways to take advantage of garlic's healing properties is by drinking fresh garlic tea. Sweetened with a little raw honey, it's delicious and helps to heal what ails you. Peel 2 to 3 cloves of fresh garlic and lightly crush them with the side of a wide knife blade.

Add them to 2 cups of water and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer for another 15 minutes. Strain the garlic and allow the tea to cool to mouth temperature. Add raw honey, a tiny pinch of cayenne pepper and a squeeze of lemon juice. Drink as much as desired.

Red onion and raw honey cough syrup

A wonderful home remedy for adults or kids suffering from a cough uses brown cane sugar, raw honey or stevia and red onions to make a soothing and tasty cough syrup. Wash, peel

and slice the entire onion horizontally. Starting with the base of the onion, layer the strees in a bowl alternating with layers of raw honey or brown sugar.

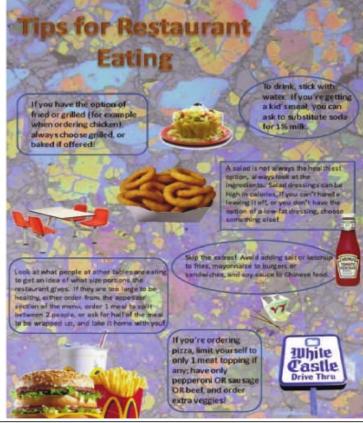
Stevia powder works well for this home remedy too; however, it is extremely sweet. Continue adding layers of onion and sweeten-er until the entire onion is reconstructed in the bowl. Cover and allow the sweetened onion to remain in the bowl on your counter for about 12-15 hours or overnight. The next day, there will be about a cup or more of sweet syrup in the bowl. The cough syrup contains a range of nutrients, vitamins and minerals from the onion and the honey to help fight infection and soothe sore throats and quiet a cough.

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Determined and compassionate Dieudonne is an achiever, who can be considered as the epitome of the difficulties that women very often face in this world.

International Women's Day is celebrated every March 8th worldwide to show respect, appreciation and love towards women, as well as celebrating their economic, political and social achievements.

There is still a long way to go when considering the gender gap that exists between men and women. The disparities and discrepancies as far as equal pay for equal work, domestic violence and a whole range of human rights abuses can not be overlooked if the world is serious about addressing women's issues.

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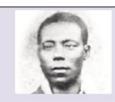
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Prolific engineer/producer Philip Smart died last Tuesday in Port Washington, New York.

Smart whose Long Island studio was the hub for reggae/dancehall in the tristate area.

He was in his late 50s and died from pancreatic cancer, his brother-in-law and business partner Michael McDonald confirmed.

The prolific engineer/producer worked with countless artistes at his HC&F Recording Studio in Long Island,



The late Philip Smart Prolific engineer/producer

most notably Shaggy who recorded several of his hit songs there.

'Mampie', 'Oh Carolina', 'Big Up' and 'Angel' were some of the songs Shaggy worked on at HC&F.

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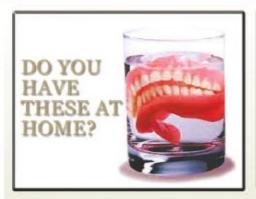




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